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1. ITALIAN CCD REP (DI BERNARDO), IN COMMENTING ON REFERENCE TO CONVENTIONAL ARMS IN US OPENING STATEMENT, TOLD AMB MARTIN (US) MAR 1 THAT IT WOULD NOT BE PRUDENT FOR ITALIANS TO RAISE AT CCD THE POSSIBILITY OF REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR RESTRICTING CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS IN VIEW OF FACT THAT NATO ALLIES AT MBFR TALKS WERE RESISTING INCLUSION OF ITALY IN CENTRAL EUROPEAN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AGREEMENTS. DI BERNARDO THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION CONFIDENTIAL

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OF ARMS TRANSFER, GIVING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO IMPORTANCE OF RESTRICTING SHIPMENTS OF ARMS TO AREAS OF TENSION. MARTIN COMMENTED THAT THIS SEEMED A SOUND IDEA AND DI BERNARDO SAID HE WOULD SUGGEST IT TO ROME. SUBSEQUENTLY, ITALIAN DEL OFF INDICATED DI BERNARDO HAD IN MIND CITING MIDDLE EAST AS ONE SUCH AREA OF TENSION.

2. THUS FAR STATEMENTS ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS CONTROL AT CURRENT CCD SESSION HAVE BEEN SCANTY AND WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT ANY DEL PLANS TO DISCUSS EUROPEAN REGIONAL ASPECTS. RIMESTAD

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AND THREE FOKKER FRIENDSHIPS TO LIMIT, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW MILITARY CHARTERS OF DETA PLANES SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK. ABEL AZEVEDO, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF DETA, IS NOW IN LISBON TRYING TO HURRY ALONG THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT'S FINAL DECISION TO PURCHASE THE AIRCRAFT.

3. WITHIN NEXT SIX MONTHS BOEING REP EXPECTS COMPOSITON OF DETA TO BE CHANGED FROM GOVT AGENCY OPERATING UNDER RAILROADS, PORTS AND HARBORS ADMINISTRATION TO SEMI- PRIVATE CORPORATION IN WHICH MOZAMBIQUE GOVT WILL HOLD 51 PERCENT OWNERSHIP, TAP WILL PROBABLY HAVE ABOUT 20 PERCENT, AND REST OF SHARES WILL BE SOLD ON THE OPEN MARKET. DETA WOULD HOPE THUS ACQUIRE HAVE GREATER AUTONOMY OVER ITS OWN AFFAIRS AND NOT HAVE TO GET APPROVAL OF RAILROAD BUREAUCRATS ON WHAT ARE ESSENTIALLY CIVIL AVIATION DECISIONS.

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